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SUBJECT: CSU ORGAN WARN'S CDU AGAINST BIEDENKOPF'S "CENTER-LEFT"
IDEAS

1. OCTOBER 18 EDITION OF OFFICIAL CSU ORGAN "BAYERN KURIER"
(WHICH HAS BEEN AVAILABLE AT CSU HEADQUARTERS SINCE OCTOBER 15)
CARRIES FRONT-PAGE ARTICLE STRONGLY ATTACKING CDU SECRETARY
GENERAL BIEDENKOPF'S ADVOCACY, IN SEPTEMBER 29 "SPIEGEL"
INTERVIEW, OF INCREASED STATE INFLUENCE IN DIRECTION AND
CONTROL OF ECONOMY. ARTICLE, WHICH WAS WRITTEN BY WILFRIED
SCHARNAGL, CHARGES BIEDENKOPF WITH CREATING CONFUSION
IN CDU/CSU RANKS FOR NO RPT NO REASON, AND CALLS ON
"APPROPRIATE PERSONALITIES" IN CDU TO CLARIFY PARTY'S POSITION ON
BASIC ECONOMIC POLICY.

2. SCHARNAGL ARGUES THAT CDU AND CSU WILL HAVE CHANCE
TO WIN 1976 BUNDESTAG ELECTION ONLY IF THEY PRESENT
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CLEAR ALTERNATIVE, NOT RPT NOT ECHO, TO ECONOMIC

POLICIES OF SPD/FDP COALITION. HE ALSO STATES THAT CSU
WILL NOT RPT NOT EVEN DISCUSS ADOPTION OF ANY
ECONOMIC POSITION WHICH IS "LEFT OF CENTER".

3. ARTICLE POINTS OUT THAT AHLENER PROGRAM, WHICH
WAS CITED BY BIEDENKOPF IN "SPIEGEL" INTERVIEW AND
WHICH CONTAINED POSITIVE REFERENCES TO CONCEPTS
OF "CODETERMINATION" AND STATE CONTROL OVER CERTAIN
INDUSTRIES, WAS ADOPTED IN 1947 ONLY BY CDU ORGANIZATION
IN BRITISH OCCUPATION ZONE. MEANWHILE, HOWEVER,
DUSSELDORF "GUIDELINES FOR SOCIAL MARKET ECONOMY"
(LEITSAETZE DER SOZIALEN MARKTWIRTSCHAFT),
WHICH WERE ADOPTED BY ENTIRE CSU IN JULY 1949, ENDORSED
CONCEPT OF A MARKET ECONOMY BASED ON FREE
PRIVATE ENTERPRISE.

4. COMMENT. IDEA THAT CDU/CSU MUST PRESENT CLEAR
CONSERVATIVE ALTERNATIVE TO PRESENT GOVERNMENT'S
ECONOMIC POLICY IS VINTAGE STRAUSS. BK ARTICLE APPEARS
DESIGNED TO PUT CDU ON NOTICE THAT CSU WILL AGREE TO
NO RPT NO COMPROMISE PROGRAM WHICH WOULD PUT IT IN
POSITION OF ADVOCATING INCREASED GOVERNMENTAL DIRECTION OR CONTROL
OF FRG ECONOMY.
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